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- 1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RAPID REPLY.
- 2. INTERPRETATION STATED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL INCORRECT. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OPIC INSURANCE, ONLY INVESTOR (NOT FOREIGN ENTERPRISE) MUST BE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT US-OWNED (IF INCORPORATED IN US; OTHERWISE MUST BE AT LEAST 95 PERCENT US-OWNED). THE FOREIGN ENTERPRISE INTO WHICH INVESTMENT IS MADE NEED NOT RPT NOT HAVE ANY US OWNER-SHIP. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, AN INVESTMENT BY INTERNATIONAL WOOD PRODUCTS INC. (A 100 PERCENT US-OWNED FLORIDA CORPORATION) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A MINORITY POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL WOOD PRODUCTS SA (A HONDURAN CORPORATION) COULD BE ELIGIBLE.
- 3. OPIC WILL PURSUE IWP COHDEFOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH IWP IN US, AND WILL FOLLOW UP EMBASSY COMMENTS WITH OTHER MENTIONED INVESTORS, AS REQUIRED. END. RUSH UNCLASSIFIED

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